

Hotel St. Regis  
8205 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland  
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Location: 8205 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County,  
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USGS Cleveland North Quadrangle  
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates:  
17.447390.4594680

Significance: The Hotel St. Regis was built as a luxury  
apartment house when Euclid Avenue was still  
Cleveland's most fashionable address.

Description: The Hotel St. Regis occupies the northeast corner  
of Euclid Avenue and East 82nd (formerly Genesee)  
Street. The seven-story building, of tan brick  
and artificial stone, has a full English basement.  
It is rectangular in plan and approximately 128  
feet by 76 feet in size. A narrow, irregularly  
shaped light well opens to the east side of the  
building. The Euclid and East 82nd facades are  
distinguished by a base of horizontal stone and  
brick bands and decorative round-arched entrances.  
The Euclid entance has a boldly modeled porch  
entablature with columns; above the East 82nd  
entrance the name "ST. REGIS" appears in relief.  
These facades have a bracketed cornice; a brick  
parapet with stone coping and ball ornament  
projects above the flat roof. Both facades  
originally featured vertical ranks of recessed  
balconies enclosed by stone or ornamental metal  
railings; the metal railings have been removed,  
and the balconies in the East 82nd elevation have  
been bricked in, with new windows added in their  
place. The west, north, and east elevations have  
vertical ranks of bay windows. Windows throughout  
the building are double-hung, 1/1 lights, with  
stone sills.

History: The Hotel St. Regis was designed by Edward E.  
Smith, a Cleveland architect noted for his  
apartment house designs, including that of the  
Colonial at Euclid and East 70th, as well as the  
Columbia and Marine buildings downtown. It was  
built in 1905 by the Euclid Genesee Realty  
Company, of which George W. Smith was president.  
In its early years, it was the home of many  
prominent Clevelanders, including: William  
Rockefeller, brother of John D. Rockefeller and an  
incorporator of the Standard Oil Company; Frank  
DeHaas Robison, president of the Cleveland Spiders

baseball team from 1889 to 1898; and U.S. District Judge Robert Walker Tayler, author of the Tayler Grant (1909), which ended Cleveland's bitter streetcar war and regulated operations of the reorganized street railways. The building was remodeled into efficiency units in the 1920s, reflecting Euclid Avenue's decline as a fashionable residential district. Beginning in 1959, the building was operated as a retirement home (St. Regis Hotel). Later, it was operated as a nursing home (Abbey Nursing Home). It is now vacant and slated to be demolished for construction of a shopping center.

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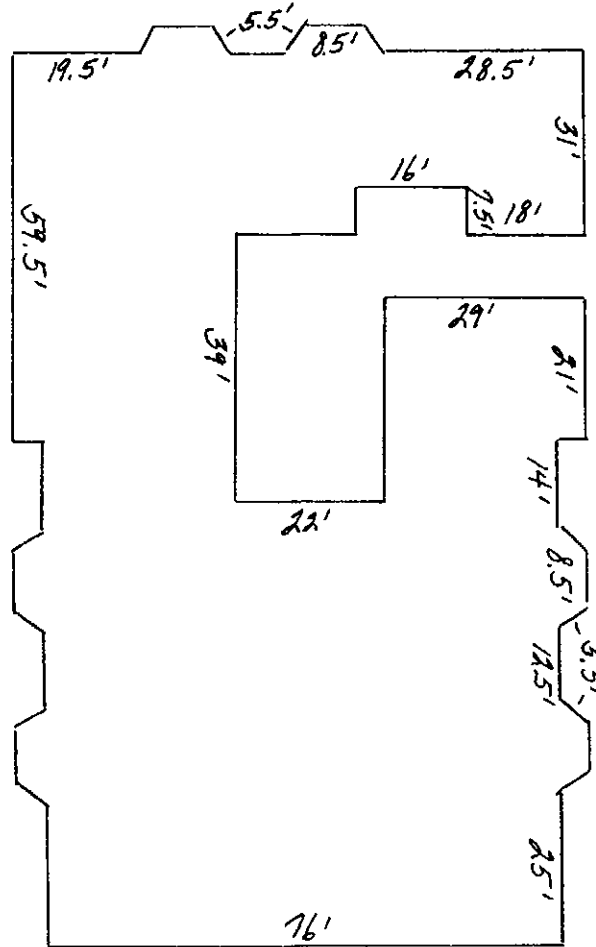
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SITE PLAN

Approximate scale  
1" = 30'



EAST 82ND STREET



EVELID AVENUE